



# Brazilian Baptists Sign Up For Witness To 30 Million

By Bob Stanley

SAO PAULO, Brazil (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary Glendon D. Grober logged more than 80,000 miles in 1978 as he started promoting an evangelistic campaign as big as all Brazil.

In 1979 he quit keeping any kind of mileage record — the total was just getting too ridiculous, he said.

## Decade Makes Executive Changes Nearly Complete

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — 1970 brought America Kent State, Charles Manson's trial, the 747 jumbo jet, American bombing of Cambodia, failure of Apollo 13, the return of Muhammed Ali, and a ban on television cigarette advertising.

For the 11.4 million Southern Baptists observing their 125th anniversary as a convention, 1970 brought the recall of the Broadman Bible commentary on Genesis as part of a "conservative-liberal" confrontation at the Denver convention; an attempt in Denver to abolish the Christian Life Commission following a morality seminar it sponsored featuring a debate with Anson Mount against the Playboy philosophy; and the Home Mission Board appointment of a minister to hippies.

And 1970 introduced a decade that was to see virtually a complete roll-over in Southern Baptist Convention leadership. Only two agency heads in place Jan. 1, 1970 — Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission and Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary — will begin 1980 in the same office.

According to research in the decade's annual reports, the president or administrative executive has changed at least once in the 1970's in: 27 of 46 senior colleges; 17 of 19 SBC agencies; 26 of 34 state Baptist newspapers (including four founded in the '70s); four of the current 10 largest churches; and 21 of 34 state Baptist conventions (including three founded in the '70s). Three other state executive secretaries have announced retirements in 1980.

Seventy persons have been editors of state Baptist newspapers in the 1970s. That number includes some executive secretaries who acted as editors. Two editors — J. Marse Grant of North Carolina and C. R. Daley of Kentucky — headed their respective publications when the new year's bell rang for 1960.

The '70s launched the boldest missions statement in Southern Baptist history, Bold Mission Thrust, an unabashed plan to give everyone in the world a chance to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus in this century.

Yet the chief executives in office when the goal was first articulated will, for the most part, no longer be in positions of leadership to push, pull and pray it through.

Baptist historian Robert Baker says history shows convention programs and goals will not be harmfully affected by changes in leadership. "No one is going to turn his back on Bold Mission Thrust," he says.

Baker, author of "The Southern Baptist Convention and its People," points out, for instance, that the highly successful Cooperative Program plan of missions funding began in 1925, but the people who made it go did so in the '40s.

"The change of leadership will be a buttress to Bold Mission Thrust," Baker says. He feels the rapid turnover has brought a new creativity and that from its beginning, Bold Mission Thrust has meant "somebody stood on somebody's shoulders."

Not since the '50s has there been nearly so large a leadership turnover. With the average age of the current SBC agency heads at 50, it's unlikely the '80s will be as active.

But the payoff for the country's second national evangelistic effort in 14 years will come in 1980. This is the year that Brazil's 450,000 Baptists have set aside for "doing the work of evangelism."

Throughout this sprawling giant of a country, as large as the United States if you exclude Alaska, church members are signing scrolls pledging to

share their testimony and a tract daily with someone who needs to know Jesus.

The goal is for one-fourth of Brazil's Baptists to share the gospel with one-fourth of Brazil's 120 million people in this year.

Planners of this "Good News Brazil" effort believe it can generate a lifestyle of evangelism that will continue — and hopefully boost Brazilian Baptists to their goal of having 1 million church members by 1982, their centennial year.

Brazilians are hearing about the campaign in many ways. Pastor-evangelist Nilson Fanini, whose television programs reach millions on 74 stations throughout the country, is using six 30-second promotion spots prepared with the aid of Alan Compton, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board mass media representative for Latin America.

One shows John Leite, a leading Brazilian soccer player. He talks about the sport and then turns quickly to a testimony about his relationship to the Lord. It ends with the campaign slogan.

Grober and other campaign planners would like to put these on national television at prime time — but at \$15,000 a spot, this hasn't been possible with the funds available.

Up to this point, Brazilian Baptists have paid all the expenses of the campaign except for Grober's travel and part of the printing costs for the 30 million tracts that are being used in the daily witnessing.

## Vines Returns To Georgia

ROME, Ga. (BP) — Jerry Vines, pastor of the 7,800-member Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., will return to the pastorate of the West Rome (Ga.) Baptist Church in early January.

Vines served Dauphin Way, 10th largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, since September 1974, and was pastor of the 2,600-member West Rome Church, 1968-74.

A native of Carrollton, Ga., he is a graduate of Mercer University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and holds a doctor of theology degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

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# Baptist College President Changes Faith Articles

By Toby Drain

DALLAS (BP) — Dallas Baptist College President W. Marvin Watson says that all but about a dozen of the 128 faculty and staff of the institution have signed a new "Articles of Faith" required of them. He stopped short of saying those who have not would be fired or their contracts not renewed if they do not sign.

The "Articles of Faith" were approved Nov. 15 by the college trustees who required they be signed by all faculty and staff.

The college announced at the time that the trustees had approved the statement of Baptist Faith and Message, adopted in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, it was later revealed two changes were made in the 1963 statement, the first in the portion on the Scriptures and the second on the nature of man.

In the Scriptures portion a sentence was added that states, "We believe in the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life."

In the portion on man a sentence was added stating, "By this statement we affirm our belief that man was created by a direct act of God in His image, not from previously existing creatures, and that all of mankind sinned in Adam and Eve, the historical parents of the entire human race."

Watson said that he had drafted the changes himself and that none of the 29 trustees present for the Nov. 15 meeting had objected.

Several of the faculty members, however, have voiced objections and seven still had not signed as of mid-December, and six other faculty or staff members had made changes in it or called attention to the changes before signing.

Watson noted most questions about

the changes had pointed at the word "verbally" and said that he did not mean the word to imply persons signing the statement must believe in a mechanical dictation theory of biblical inspiration. To him, the word "verbally" means "correct," he said.

The president said he believes his changes give the 1963 statement the meaning Southern Baptists really intended when they originally adopted it.

The convention has resisted repeated efforts to change it, however — the latest in Houston in June when the Scriptures portion was reaffirmed.

The Texas Baptist Convention, meeting in Lubbock in November, overwhelmingly rejected an attempt to amend the Scriptures portion, while the Northwest Convention approved an amendment.

The Dallas Baptist College statement preface states any trustee, faculty or staff member "must sign" the articles and they also must pledge to teach and practice in that context.

Watson said that if any persons refuse to sign the statement that he will "visit with them." He said that everything he has done at the college since assuming the presidency Sept. 1 has been done with "prayer, meditation and consultation, and I am still going down that road. . . Just to draw a great big painting and say these are the end results of this action (if they still refuse to sign), well I have not done that

on anything and would rather not do it here."

He said the purpose of the statement, which will be published in the college catalog, is to say to students, their parents and to prospective donors to the college, that "on this hill, in this place, we believe the Scriptures are correct."

One result of the requirement of signing the document is that more than \$70,000 in tuition grants for students at DBC have been withheld by state and federal authorities.

The suspended funds include state tuition equalization grants and matching student incentive grants from the federal government, both ordinarily paid to students with the school acting as disbursing agent.

College president Watson said he had not been aware of a 1974 ruling by the Texas attorney general which resulted from a suit by a Jewish woman seeking a job as a librarian at Houston Baptist University. The ruling said, "An institution requiring an employee to adhere to a particular religious belief would be ineligible to participate in the grants."

The question in the state's action is not the articles of faith per se," said Watson, "It's whether we have to let anybody and everybody represent us in our institutions. Does the state have the right to make that kind of decision?"

negotiators with the Iranians, members of the group would only indicate that they made progress in opening new avenues of understanding between the two countries.

The United States, they said, has not begun to negotiate in a manner it can expect will gain release of the hostages because until now, Americans haven't understood the decision-making process now at work in Iran.

Allen said the decisions are made in something like a tribal council meeting in which advisors bring information to the Ayatollah Khomeini, discuss it, and reach a mutual decision. Advice from the Ayatollah has the weight of law, however, because of the high regard Iranians have of him as a religious leader.

Although members of the group felt a great part of their success in getting to see the principals in Iran was due to the respect Iranians have for religious leaders, they said they also found themselves handicapped by the Islamic perception of Christianity as personified by the office of the Roman Catholic pope.

The rich trappings of that office are seen as a barrier to empathy for the poor, and the majority of Iranians are desperately poor. In contrast, Khomeini owns nothing but his clothes and he lives as a guest in the house of another family in Qom.

Dave Miller of CBS news in Teheran told the *Baptist Record* by phone that the Ayatollah is in a way like the pope as an extremely important spiritual leader, but that "he doesn't own any of those things (the trappings). He is an austere man and lives in a very modest way," said Miller.

Allen said Iranians didn't argue that their actions in taking American hostages were legal. But they felt it was action to achieve a just end and "they were amazed at how exercised we were" over the matter.

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## Growth Consciousness Aim Of Meets

To motivate and activate a growth spirit and to provide basic fundamentals in better Bible teaching, 32 Sunday School Teaching/Growth Conferences have been scheduled January through June.

Conferences scheduled through the month of January are: January 21, First Baptist Church, Pascagoula; January 22, First Baptist Church, Biloxi and January 24, First Baptist Church, Picayune.

Each conference will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. a general session in the church auditorium will be conducted on Sunday School growth and is for all Sunday School officers and teachers.

Conferences on better Bible teaching will follow by age groups: Adult, Youth, Children and Preschool. Two General Officers conferences will be provided: (1) for Sunday School Directors; (2) for Pastors; other church staff and Directors of Missions.

Pastors and Sunday School Directors are urged to enlist all Sunday School workers and attend the most convenient conference.

Pusan, Korea — Southern Baptist missionary Charles W. Wiggs recently received a citation from the president of the Republic of Korea and the Order of Civil Merit Medal, the highest award presented to civilians in Korea.

Savak, the secret police who, according to Iranian claims, tortured and killed tens of thousands of their own countrymen.

After a Christmas Day message to Khomeini, during which Allen emphasized the common respect of Islam and Christianity for Jesus and Jesus' love of freedom and regard for human rights, Khomeini questioned their true commitment to human rights.

"Where have you been all these years?" Walsh quoted Khomeini as asking the group. "You who are followers of the Christ who gave his life for freedom, what have you been doing for the poor, the oppressed in South Africa, and the blacks in your own nation? What have you done for us?"

Allen felt the group's visit began to establish a credibility for human concerns where the students thought the U.S. had none.

The group did not see the hostages, but Allen pointed out that the students have as much at stake in keeping the hostages alive as Americans do. A single death would discredit both them and Islam, of which Allen and Walsh say the students are staunch defenders and to which they're extremely devoted.

While there is increasing doubt in America that those holding the hostages are indeed students, Allen said the students they talked to are dedicated Muslims and are extremely anti-Marxist. The students denied that there are Palestine Liberation Organization elements among them at the embassy.

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## Seminary Enrollment Begins New Increases

By Norman Jameson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — After a year of virtual zero growth in 1978, fall enrollment in 1979 in all degree and non-degree programs at the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries rose 308 students, to 9,252, a growth rate of 3.8 percent.

The growth in degree-granting programs, figuring only full-time equivalents, rose 3.4 percent, to 8,706, according to statistics of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

The educational outreach of Southern Baptist seminaries is more than doubled through their cooperative Seminary Extension Department in Nashville. In the 1978-79 school year, it coordinated diploma course work for 10,505 students in home study and in 363 centers in the U.S., West Germany and England. Seminary Extension enrollment is compiled separately from the enrollments in the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., showed the largest percentage increase in a comparison of enrollment figures produced by the seminaries. Enrollment at the westernmost seminary increased by 93 students to 556. That total, a 16.7 percent increase, includes 96 in a diploma program.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary showed the largest numerical increase with 97. That increase pushed the school's enrollment to 1,242 including 62 in a diploma program, up 7.8 percent.

Marvin Taylor, statistician for ATS, said 193 reporting seminaries in the United States and Canada showed a growth rate of 4.2 percent. Enrollment

at Southern Baptist seminaries accounted for 18 percent of the 48,433 students counted by ATS.

Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., with increased emphasis on extension centers, became the second largest seminary in the United States with 2,394 students, taking over the spot long held by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Southern's enrollment decreased for the second year in a row, dropping 2.6 percent to 2,170 in all programs, including 162 in Boyce Bible School, 30 in diploma courses and 156 non-credit students.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, continues to be the largest seminary in the United States, and likely the world, with enrollment of 3,564, including 151 diploma students.

Although Taylor wasn't positive because ATS doesn't gather statistics worldwide, he believes the largest five seminaries in the United States — four of which are Southern Baptist — are also the largest in the world.

New Orleans Seminary is the fourth largest, after Southern, and is followed by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., with enrollment of 1,215.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., increased 2.4 percent to 505 students, including 46 students enrolled in the School of Christian Training, a non-degree program.

Females accounted for 1,660 or 18 percent of the total enrollment in the Southern Baptist seminaries.

## Adult Leaders Will Hear Beau Colle In Hattiesburg

Beau Colle, Louisiana Baptist Sunday School Department director, will be a conference leader during the

Adult Leadership Seminar planned by the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department to be held at First Church, Hattiesburg, Feb. 1.

Colle, a native Mississippian, was born in Pascagoula and attended the Pascagoula public schools where he was active in sports. He received a B.A. from Louisiana State University. While at Louisiana State University, he lettered in football and played in three major bowls; Sugar, Bluebonnet and Cotton.

After graduating from New Orleans Baptist Seminary, he served in churches in Louisiana and Texas before going to Greenwood's First Church where he was minister of education for three years. In 1973, he went to the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Colle will lead a special conference for those leading adults; adult staff members, department directors, adult coordinators, and other church staff members.

A similar conference for those who teach adults will be led by Miss Hazel Rodgers from the Texas Sunday School Department.

James Rennell of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Fellowship will lead a conference for those involved in

reaching adults — department and class outreach leaders, and adult class leaders.

The seminar will begin with a banquet at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 1. Reservations should be made through the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. The meal will be served for \$4.00.

## Human Relations Seminar Place Is Changed

The night meeting of the Human Relations Seminar on Jan. 15, formerly scheduled at the new seminary building, will be held at the old Mississippi Baptist Seminary location on Highway 49 South (3672 Delta Drive) at 7 p.m.

The change is being made because the new building will not be ready for occupancy by that date.

The other meetings will be held as previously announced: Jan. 14, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Brookhaven, 10 a.m.; Jan. 15, Baptist Building, Jackson, 10 a.m.; Jan. 16, First Church, Starkville, 10 a.m.; and June 17, Baptist Student Center, Delta Junior College, Moorehead, 10 a.m.

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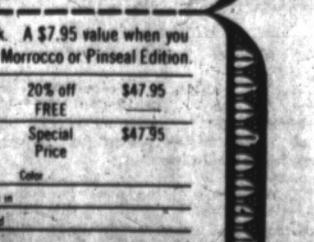
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## Editorials

### Anti-gambling education . . .

### Laxity may bring unwanted condition

Through a resolution adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, Mississippi Baptists are being urged to give attention during January to the problems of gambling. The resolution encouraged the churches to observe an anti-gambling education emphasis sometime during January and suggested that it be on Jan. 13 if possible.

The resolution suggested further that Mississippi Baptists, as citizens, "oppose the legalization of gambling in any form and communicate our attitudes to our elected officials at all levels of state government."

The timing of the anti-gambling emphasis is to coincide with the beginning of the new legislative session. It got under way this week. If the session runs true to form, there will be legislation introduced during the session that will seek to legalize gambling in Mississippi.

Mississippi is a prime target for the argument for gambling, for our per capita income is just about the lowest in the nation. Gambling claims to offer

something for nothing. It is a cruel hoax. Gambling is most attractive to those who need the money the most and thus can least afford to lose it. And yet the entire gambling enterprise is based on the conclusion that the customer is going to wind up on the losing end of the transaction. The only sure winner is the establishment. The "house" gets a certain percentage regardless of the outcome. That simply means that more people have to lose than can be allowed to win.

The fact that the state would expect to gain some tax revenue off of the establishment is another indication that there must be more losses than wins. And for a state to seek to gain some of its tax revenue from the misery of its citizens is a sorry situation indeed.

The resolution adopted by the convention points out that the Bible demands love of God and neighbor while gambling contradicts such love; God's

Word condemns covetousness and materialism which is at the heart of the gambling process; the Bible repudiates theft while gambling is theft by mutual consent; God's Word encourages honest work while gambling encourages an attitude of something for nothing; the Bible demands stewardship of life as well as possessions while gambling rejects the concept of stewardship; and God's Word demands the worship of God alone and the recognition of His sovereignty while gambling is the worship of luck.

This is not a time for complacency. The time is now for anti-gambling education. Our people will be informed and will be able to consult with their legislators more intelligently.

We do not have gambling now and do not want it. A little laxity shown on the part of Baptists, however, and we might find ourselves living with it.

### God's foreign policy . . .

### Faith overcomes the world

Feelings throughout the world seem to be as tense at this point in history as they have ever been. Very likely, not too many years ago the United States would have been involved in some sort of military action by this time, if not a full-scale war.

We are not at war yet, and for this we must be grateful. Hopefully, we will not become involved in any kind of military action.

Where is the line that separates patience from action? How far can self-discipline stretch before it gives way to frustration and frenzy? Who knows?

What is known at this time is that the captives in Iran are still alive. We are engaged in a new type of foreign policy for the United States. Before we have always told those we thought were engaged in offensive actions, "Quit picking on our friends, or we'll come over and straighten things out."

### Guest Opinion T.

### I have investigated those professors

By Thomas J. Delaughter  
Professor Emeritus  
New Orleans Baptist Theological  
Seminary

This article is not an answer as such to things which happened in recent pre-convention and the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention, which was held in Houston. It came, however, as a result of those meetings and is the expression of deep feelings and thoughts which I have had regarding seminary professors for almost a half century.

I have investigated Seminary professors, especially those of New Orleans Seminary since the fall of 1932. This investigation has been made along four lines.

The first has been made as a student. I sat in class rooms and seminar sessions, where I listened to lectures, felt the impact of personality, and sensed a compassionate heart and the desire of professors to stimulate and motivate students to learn to love the Word of God and to love to learn it. I did not always agree with my professors, but I listened to them and learned from them.

I have learned in the passing of time that my disagreements generally were out of ignorance or prejudice on my part. I never knew a professor or a colleague who did not believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God. They believed the Bible, including what it

said about inspiration experienced by "holy men of old".

These men and women were and are people of God. Hear their testimony of early home influences — a church, oft times rural; a pastor; deacons; and teachers in the Sunday School who had an influence on their lives that eventually in their accepting Christ as their Saviour and Lord and answering the call to special service. Read what some have written about their Christian faith and their call to the ministry.

Hezekiah didn't know what the Lord was going to do to Sennacherib. In II Kings 19:19 Hezekiah simply laid the matter before the Lord and said, "Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech thee, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou are the Lord God, even thou only."

The Lord was specific. He said of the impudent Assyrian king, "Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee

back by the way by which thou camest."

The Lord told Hezekiah that Sennacherib would not "come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it." The Lord added, "By the way that he came, by the same shall he return . . ."

Then the Scriptures tell us, "And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

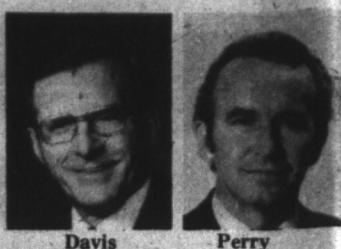
He is the same Lord today. The nations of our world will recognize Him if we will exercise such a faith as Hezekiah had.

Surely such faith is needed at this time, for we desperately need the wisdom and the strength that can come only from the Lord.

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Davis Perry

NEW ORLEANS — Seven Mississippi students received doctorates at New Orleans Seminary's winter commencement, Dec. 15. Pictured with Landrum P. Leavell, II, president of the seminary, are (L to R) DALE PATTERSON of Sumrall (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of Roseland Park Church, Picayune; NATHAN L. BARBER of Meridian (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis; PHIL SUMRALL of Laurel (Doctor of Theology), pastor, Flamingo Road Mission, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; KENNY LEE DIGBY of Fulton (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Fulton; JAMES E. PARKER of West Point (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of First Church, Okolona; and HARVEY WEBB of Jackson (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of First Church, Boyle; and J. THOMAS DAVIS, Rontofoc, pastor of Camden Church, Camden, Ala. (Doctor of Ministry).

HUEY DAVID PERRY, son of Mrs. E. L. Perry of Harrisville and native of Attala, Ala., received the Doctor of Ministry degree. He is associate director of the Chaplain's Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

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the bush burned bright and the will and way of God led in other directions. In this connection I marveled at the sacrificial spirit of professors in the dark, dismal, depression years. I knew some who taught with no guarantee of salary. They and their families had their meals in the dining room with the students. This was the only guarantee of financial support which they had.

As a trustee I learned that the faculty of the seminary knew that the trustees were charged by the convention to see that the affairs of the seminary were conducted in accord with the basic beliefs and purposes of the seminary as set forth by the convention and stated in the current issue of the seminary bulletin. The faculty demonstrated an uncommon trust in and respect for the trustees.

My third investigation of Seminary professors was in the category of church membership. When I was a pastor and later an interim pastor of churches in New Orleans, professors

of the seminary and their families were faithful, loyal, and supportive members of those churches. I considered any church to be blessed when it had among its membership a seminary professor. The professors whom I have known have been faithful in attendance, prayer, participation in active leadership, in some cases serving as deacons, and supportive in the financial programs of the churches, giving a tithe and more.

There was a sense of security which I felt as a pastor of a church when seminary professors were among its members. Their high purposes, doctrinal integrity, and commitment to the Lord's work gave the church direction, constraint, and restraint which were healthy and wholesome. On account of the presence of professors and their families in my congregation, I was challenged to study and preach on a level that I would not have had otherwise.

I considered the professors who held membership in our church as evangelists, teachers, interim pastors, and counsellors of other churches who in a sense were sent out by us. They provided ministry and leadership in the churches with no financial return from us, and in many cases altogether too little from the churches where they served.

In addition to the above ministry, seminary professors have led in the beginning of mission Sunday Schools and mission points which have become strong and influential churches. This kind of ministry in many instances has involved Saturday, Sunday, and part of Monday. It has taken the professor away from his family and required great strength and labors of love.

It would be interesting to know the number of churches which seminary professors have had a part in bringing into being either by direct leadership or by giving counsel to students who served in such capacities. I remember a little struggling church of four members which a seminary professor nurtured and served until it was strong enough to call a pastor. That church today is a forceful influence in a predominantly Roman Catholic town in south Louisiana.

In this connection it should be emphasized that seminary professors are loyal to the denomination. They work in the local associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Their batting averages in these areas are worthy of consideration.

A fourth area of investigation of seminary professors was as a professor, a colleague on the faculty. In this relationship I was able to look at professors at close range and through the eyes of a professor. Here I was on the inside. It was in this experience that I learned that teaching was just one

phase of the professor's work. Writing books, articles for journals, and Sunday School lesson materials, claim their attention. Committee work, counseling students in thesis writing, and the preparation of other papers, and sharing in their family, financial, and pastoral responsibilities are sometimes more than a full time job.

The responsibility of teaching is reckoned to be fearful, exacting, challenging, and rewarding. The reality of these things weighs heavily upon every professor and a kolonia is evidenced among them. In this context is a constant call to serious concern, continuous study and planning, the challenge to live and give, and the reward of seeing students grow and develop. I was deeply moved by the compassion which professors had when students failed or otherwise were in trouble.

Our interpretations of the Scriptures and the significance of the Christian endeavor were not always the same, but our respect for both was sure and steadfast. It was in these relationships that I learned in a different way that there must be room for diversity in a unity. Seeking to understand one another and seeing some differences as a matter of semantics became important to me.

As a faculty member I saw family life, financial struggles, social relationships, sin, and suffering as inescapable facts among us. It was in these matters that I saw professors stand tall and walk with sure steps. In all of these relationships the word of God was seen as vital and living as it spoke to us out of the written page. God was experienced as the "God of grace and glory." Jesus our Saviour became more precious and was experienced as the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Holy Spirit was depended on as our comforter and guide. I am glad that I had the opportunity to serve as a seminary professor for nearly a quarter of a century. As I think of my colleagues and all others engaged in the endeavor of seminary education my heart is filled with a sense of abiding joy and deep gratitude.

(Thomas J. DeLaughter is retired and lives at 2804 Jackson Landing Road, Picayune, Miss.)

## Abe Lincoln

1980 Abe Lincoln Awards Ceremony

To Be Feb. 28

FORT WORTH — Wilson Wearn, of Greenville, S. C., president of Multimedia, Inc., will be featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's Eleventh Annual Abe Lincoln Awards February 28.

Wearn, a past-chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), will also receive the Vincent T. Wasilewski Award, given to a broadcaster who raises the image of the industry in the eyes of the public.

The 1980 Abe Lincoln Awards ceremony will be held in the Ballroom of the Fort Worth Green Oaks Inn. Begun in 1970 as a local awards ceremony, the now national awards emphasize broadcasters and their betterment of public life.

## Attacks Did Not

### Affect Missions

#### In Puerto Rico

AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico (BP) — Puerto Rican Southern Baptist leaders urged Christians in the United States not to fear for the safety of American missionary personnel in Puerto Rico after two terrorist attacks less than a week apart on United States Navy personnel.

Following the first attack on a busload of sailors which killed two and wounded 10, McKinney Adams, moderator of the Puerto Rican Baptist Association, assured the American Christian community that evangelicals on the island are "safe and secure and continuing with plans to win Puerto Rico for Christ."

Following a second attack Dec. 9, when gunmen fired on a Navy patrol, Ed Richardson, executive area director for Southern Baptists in Puerto Rico, restated the assurance that civilians need no danger there. "We still feel this is the work of a group of terrorists, of criminals, whom the Puerto Rican authorities will soon apprehend," he said.

Richards said he felt when those responsible for the terrorism are caught, their acts "will be exposed as Communists inspired." All political parties in Puerto Rico have condemned the acts, he said, except the Socialists.

The tiny, loosely organized independentists groups advocate the use of violence to gain Puerto Rican independence from the U.S. They declared that the first Navy ambush was an act of revenge on behalf of several independentists killed last year in a gun battle with Puerto Rican police.

Southern Baptists operate 28 churches and missions in Puerto Rico.



## Mississippians Get Seminary Degrees

Mississippians who received the Master of Divinity degree in winter graduation exercises Dec. 15 at New Orleans Seminary included: David L. Brooks, Port Gibson; Millard Lee Caulder, Charleston, pastor of Linn Church, Dardanelle; Richard L. Frees, Biloxi, pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi; Martin Hayden, Laurel, pastor of Pleasant Home Church, Laurel; Jerry T. Hood, Ellisville, pastor of Beldico Church, Ponchatoula, La.; Thomas Reginald Jackson, Gloster, pastor of Red Oak Church, Livingston, La.; Gary Alan Knapp, Jackson, pastor of Knoxo Church, Tylertown; Hubie James Nelson, Jackson; Russell E. Reid, Tutwiler, pastor of Liberty Church, Noxapater.

Jerry Jerome Measells, of Morton, received the Master of Divinity degree. He is pastor of Rock Bluff Church.

Mississippians who received the Master of Religious Education degree during winter exercises at New Orleans Seminary were: James Elvin Lowe, Picayune; Jimmy Dale Sartain, Water Valley, minister of education at Woodlawn, Vicksburg; Billy Ray Therrell, Harrisville, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale; Bruce Lavelle Worrell, Jr., Ackerman, minister of education at Ebenezer Church, Hammond, La.

Mississippians earning the Master of Church Music degree included Randall Lynn Grim, Brookhaven, minister of music at Prentiss Church; James Edward McEachern, Jr., Jackson, minister of music at Hillcrest Church, Franklinton, La.; Gregory Harold Massey, Meridian, called as minister of music, Emmanuel, Grenada; David Prevost, Hazlehurst, minister of music and education at First Church, Canton.

Other degrees presented to Mississippians included: Jerry D. Doggett, Quitman, diploma in pastoral ministry, pastor of West Shady Grove Church, Waynesboro; Jimmy Houston, Brookhaven, diploma in pastoral ministry, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven; Buel B. Patton, Jr., Meridian, diploma in pastoral ministry, pastor of First Church, Stonewall; Johnny M. Williams, McComb, diploma in pastoral ministry, pastor of Montgomery Church, Summit; Marguerite (Peggy) Berry, Greenwood, diploma in religious education ministry (she and her husband, Gordon Berry, plan to work as pioneer

missionaries in the Milwaukee area, with the Home Mission Board).

Other graduates serving in Mississippi, or who have family connections in Mississippi were Dale K. Esser, Billings, Montana, Master of Divinity, associate pastor/minister of education, Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg; Steven F. Echols, Austrell, Ga., Master of Divinity, pastor of Berwick Church, Liberty; Carl E. Hayes, Monticello, Ark., Master of Divinity, pastor of Corinth Church, Nicholson; Peter Wright Kendrick, Rome, Ga., Master of Divinity, pastor of Davant Baptist Mission, Davant, Miss.; Donnie G. Miller, Master of Divinity, Athens, Ala., pastor of Concord Church, McCall Creek; Bruce D. Fields, MRE, Ferriday, La., minister of church activities and youth, First Church, Canton; Johnny Charles Womack, Cedartown, Ga., diploma in pastoral ministry, supply pastor for New Zion Church, Liberty, Miss.

### Fanchers On Mission In Guam And Philippines

James and Wilda Fancher of Jackson are engaged in Bold Mission projects in the Orient in January. They left Dec. 26 for Guam, where he was to preach in a weekend revival.

In the Philippines, Fancher, full-time evangelist, was scheduled to bring the Lide-Walker Lectures at the Baptist seminary. At the Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, he will teach the Bible Study book on Ephesians.

The Fanchers plan to visit Mississippians — Harry Raley in Taiwan and Charles Ray in Tokyo. They expect to return home around Feb. 15.

Mrs. Fancher, an office secretary in the state WMU department, is taking a brief leave from her job. Broadmoor Church, Jackson, where the two are members, is paying their airfare.

Princeton, N. J. (EP) — Some two-thirds (69 percent) of American families and single adults contributed to religious organizations in 1978, each giving an average \$239, according to a new Gallup Poll survey.



Left to right: Mrs. W. E. Corkern; Pastor Corkern, N. C. Ferguson, salesman for Hernando Ford, Inc.; W. I. Harris (in white suit), chairman of committee; R. E. Heimbach; and Charles Williams.

## Hernando Marks Pastor's 20th Year With New Car

W. E. Corkern will soon complete his 20th year as pastor of the Hernando Church. In recognition of this, the church has presented him with a new car.

The church held its annual stewardship banquet in the National Guard Armory on Nov. 18, 1979, with a record attendance. On that night a surprised pastor and wife were called to the front and given the keys to a new 1979 Ford Granada.

During the years under Corkern's leadership the church has sponsored the Parkway Mission, which became

## Brazilian Singers Share Their Talents In A Reciprocal Trip

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — For "Som Maior," a singing group from Sao Paulo, Brazil, the trip to perform at the Student Conference on World Missions meant many things, including borrowed travel money and lost jobs.

Most importantly, however, it was an opportunity for the Brazilian students and their leader, music missionary Roger Cole, for a reciprocal ministry similar to group which have visited their country.

"We want the people here to see the fruits of their investment of nearly 100 years of mission work in Brazil, and we want them to be inspired to do more" in their own churches, Cole said.

"Up to now, it has always been a one-way street," Cole explained. "Americans have always come to

minister to Brazilians. We want to show that we also have something to offer."

The 23 members of "Som Maior," which translates "The Greater Sound," are students or college-age people from 15 Baptist churches in the Sao Paulo area. Formed in 1975, it includes 12 vocalists, seven instrumentalists, sound men and directors.

Three of the men lost their jobs when they informed their employers that they were to be gone for nearly a month on the trip. The group raised its own travel money as their part of the missions effort. At the time of their departure, payment on four or five of the \$65 round-trip tickets to Miami, Fla., was still incomplete. Baptist Student Unions from 35 campuses provided money to help with expenses of the group.

In Sao Paulo, the largest industrial city in Brazil, there are 150 Baptist churches with the average membership between 50 and 500.

"Som Maior" represents a cooperative effort of the churches, providing a

singing group of professional quality that can show the community what local Baptists are trying to do, through the medium of music.

"I hope this trip will bring a new maturity to these Brazilian young people as Christians," Cole said, "as well as making them more effective in using their talents for the Lord."

Limuru, Kenya — Kenya MKs (missionary children) presented their parents missionary service pins, emphasizing the theme, "The Family for God," during the mission's annual meeting at Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly, Limuru. Among the 22 missionaries receiving pins were seven who had served 20 years: Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Cummings, Mrs. Eric H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Zebedee V. Moss.

The Bible is a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellowman. — Daniel Webster

## Media Conferences Set At Ridgecrest, Glorieta

NASHVILLE — Marciel Ezell, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church library department, will lead general sessions for participants in the 1980 Media Center Leadership Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

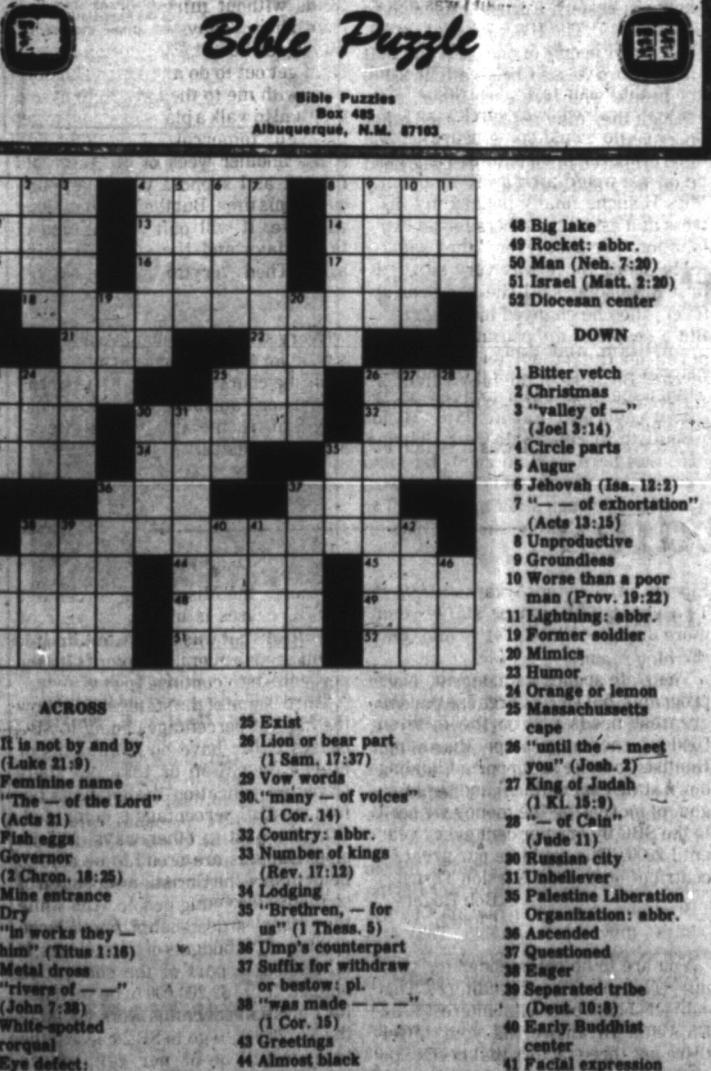
The Ridgecrest conference is scheduled for June 28-July 4, and the Glorieta conference will be July 19-25. A native of Alabama, Ezell was elected department secretary by Sunday School Board trustees in June, 1978. He has served in the board's Sunday School department as a director of intermediate work, youth program design specialist, young adult consultant and field service specialist. He was design and process specialist in the board's Bible teaching division of Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

The members of these two groups are responsible for financing all of the expenses for these dental, medical, and evangelistic trips.

An accomplished organist, artist, writer, educator and conference leader, Ezell is the author of several books, filmstrips and a teaching kit. He is contributing author and co-author of additional works and has written for numerous Southern Baptist publications.

Basic studies and special interest studies will be offered in 50 different small and large group experiences. Major areas to be covered include media recommendations, classification, cataloging, promotion, processing, audio-visuals, administration and selection.

Registration at each conference center begins Feb. 1, 1980. All reservations requests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$30 for each person to a maximum of \$60 for each family.



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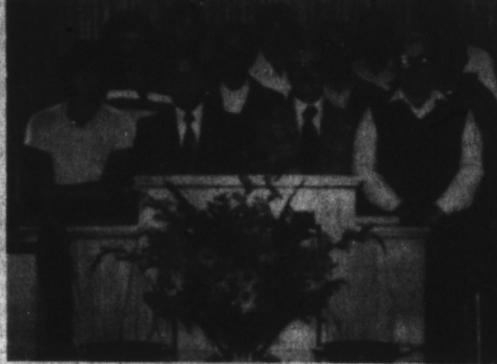
# Just For The Record . . .



AT HIGHLAND CHURCH, SENATOBIA, work began Nov. 17 for a new education unit, the first of a three-phase expansion project. The structure will contain seven classrooms, a pastor's study, and an office. All work is being done by volunteer labor of church members. Building Committee members are Tracy Buford, Harrell Smith, Raymond Waldrop, Nora Stovall, and Michael Hunt, pastor.



Northward Church, Gulfport, recently organized both WMU and Brotherhood organizations. This, according to the pastor, Robert Wright, precipitated a mission orientation and consciousness in the entire church program. The Baptist Men's group, with 15 members, and the WMU with 12 members, are currently involved in the remodeling of the church facilities. The church, while small, provides a good example of what formal mission organizations are able to do for a congregation. For instance, Northward expects to send one of its members on a Bold Mission project overseas, possibly this spring.



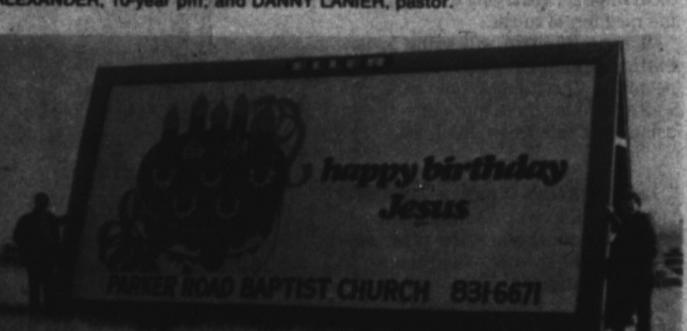
WMU, at left: Around the table right to left on front row, then left to right at rear: Geneva Hamric, Margaret Barnes, Louise Harrison, Bill Magnan, Gladys Colemen, Jo Rodgers, Edna McKnight, and Freda Easterling, president. Baptist Men, at right: Left to right, front row: Wayne Harrison; Don McCormick, Robert Wright, pastor; Grady Coleman, Second row: John Blackmon; James Hamric; Buddy McKnight, director; Cari Smith. Back Row: Jackie Bush; Aaron Easterling; Willie Rodgers; Charlie Harrison.



EDDINS MEMORIAL CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY, gave its pastor, W. E. Greene, a new 1980 suit. The pastor was surprised when asked to come over for a talk, only to be told that 100,000 miles was enough on the 1977 Grandad that was also a gift two years ago. Above, Wallace Eddins, right, gives keys to W. E. Green, pastor, left.



DUFFEE CHURCH, NEWTON COUNTY, has awarded pins for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Left to right are CHARLES JONES, Sunday School director; KASIE ALEXANDER, who got a four-year pin; MRS. MARY LOU RHODES, 8-year pin ALVIN ALEXANDER, 10-year pin; and DANNY LANIER, pastor.



HAROLD H. HENDRICK, formerly of Jackson, now pastor of Parker Road Baptist Church in Florissant (St. Louis County), Missouri, stands beside a portable billboard displayed on a strategic traffic artery for two weeks before Christmas. Two messages on opposite sides of the same billboard were seen by thousands of motorists in north St. Louis County. Richard Melvin, at left, is engineer for McDonald-Douglas Aircraft and church photographer. Hendrick, the son of Mrs. A. L. Hendrick of the Jackson area, attended Mississippi College and graduated from OBU.



The Grace Sunday School Class of Rocky Point Church, Leake County, honored the church's senior citizens with a luncheon on Dec. 15. Mrs. Renah Moore was the oldest guest present. Others honored were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore, Pastor and Mrs. Curtis James, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Pickle, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Shields, Laz Poole, Otho Paramore, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dorsey, Mrs. Cordelia Moore, Lessie Moore, Mrs. Lena Pearl Moore, Mrs. Lois Ballard, Mrs. Jessie Pearson, Mrs. Zelma Goodwin, and Hattie Reid.

The trustees of Clarke College have authorized President A. C. Johnson to begin a basketball program at the Mississippi Baptist junior college. Johnson stated that a men's and women's program will be started and a coach employed as soon as possible.

The college dropped intercollegiate men's basketball from its schedule of activities in 1973. However, renewed student, faculty, and community interest in the sport had convinced the administration that a basketball program would be supported.

Thursday, January 10, 1980



CLARKE-VENABLE MEMORIAL CHURCH, DECATUR, held a note burning ceremony Nov. 18, 1979, to signify that the three-year-old pastorum, top photo, is paid for. Taking part in the ceremony, bottom photo, were the Pastorum Committee and the pastor, left to right: Joe Clark, chairman of deacons and chairman of the Pastorum Committee, Avery Smith, Mary McMullan, Jean Thrash, Frank Rives, and Gus Merritt, Pastor.

The four-bedroom brick home, designed to house the pastor's family and provide space for guests as necessary, was built for \$59,750, plus \$4,000 for the lot.

Rather than spend an estimated \$7,500 to repair the old pastorum, the church voted Sept. 21, 1975, to build the new house. Paul Brown was then interim pastor and Gus Merritt had been called, effective Oct. 15, 1975. Construction began May, 1976 and the Merritts moved in during the Christmas holidays that year. In March, 1977 they held open house, and dedication of the pastorum followed. Individuals contributed special offerings; the church set aside money for regular payments. The final note was paid Oct. 18, 1979.

## "Sewed Rocks In Skirt" Before 1906 Baptismal Service



Moselle Memorial Church, Jones County, honored Bertha Fairchild Mooney on her 87th birthday. Mrs. Mooney, pictured at left, is the oldest member of that church. Garland Eaves, pastor, right, presented to her a silver tray and corsage from the congregation.

Mrs. Mooney (known as Aunt Bat) was born in Moselle Nov. 19, 1892, at the house which is now home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elven Fairchild, Sr. She has been a member of the Moselle church for 73 years.

In 1906, when she was 14, she was baptized in a square wooden pool with wood steps leading down into the water. Her mother had made her a white dress for the service, and enclosed rocks in the hem of the skirt so the dress would not come up in the water. Women of the church made tents from sheets, as dressing rooms for those being baptized.

Stanislav Svec, secretary of the Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia and vice-president of the European Baptist Federation, has told the BAPTIST WORLD that "For me, the Baptist World Alliance is a gift from heaven, a gift of God's love." Writing from his home in eastern Europe, Pastor Svec continues: "The BWA for me is a fellowship of people of one faith and that in the Lord Jesus Christ, a fellowship of people who love each other, even though they may not know each other personally — people who are willing and prepared to serve others who need their help and service."

## Names In The News . . .

Joe F. McAtee, father of James E. McAtee, missionary to Indonesia, died Dec. 15 in Jackson, Miss. Missionary McAtee may be addressed at Box 1, Kediri, Indonesia. He and his wife, the former Carolyn Mahaffey, are natives of Jackson, Miss.

Karl and Peggy Wallace, missionaries to Peru, have completed language study and arrived on the field (address: Apartado 810, Trujillo, Peru). Born in Magee, Miss., he lived most of his life in nearby Jackson. She is the former Peggy Vaughn of Jackson.

Bracey Campbell, who grew up in Jackson, has been placed in charge of the daily news operation of the Nashville Banner, afternoon newspaper publisher in Nashville, TN, following Editor Charles E. Smith's election as chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Campbell, 32, has had more than 15 years of experience as a newspaper writer and editor in Tennessee and Mississippi. He returned to the Banner in October as managing editor, after serving for 20 months as news director for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He previously worked at the Banner from 1971 until January 1978.

Campbell is the son of the late L. Frank Campbell, a Baptist pastor. His wife is the former Gay Smith of Jackson. His mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. L. Frank Campbell and Mrs. Virginia M. Smith, both reside in Jackson.

Barney E. Padgett and Mrs. Padgett celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Jan. 6, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. A reception was held at their residence on Highway 28, one mile east of Magee. Padgett is pastor of Pine Grove Church, Simpson County.

Northward's pastor, Robert Wright, and his wife, Judy, have a new baby girl (Gulf Coast).

### Calvary Honors

Calvary Church, Columbia, designated a recent Sunday as Louis Witte Day. The morning service was devoted to tributes to Mr. Witte, a deacon and a Christian whose entire life centers around the church and its related work.

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# Bay Springs Pastor Retires After 20 Years Service There

Bay Springs Church honored its retiring pastor, D. D. Satterwhite, Dec. 30, after his more than 20 years service to that church and community. Satterwhite began his pastorate at Bay Springs June 1, 1959. His retirement was effective Jan. 6, 1980. His pastoral service has touched four decades.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was featured speaker at the special morning service Dec. 30. The afternoon program was given to special music, recognitions, and presentations.

David Dee Satterwhite was born at Almy, but moved to Memphis where he graduated from Memphis Tech High School.

Surrendering to the ministry at Longview Heights Church, Memphis, he was student pastor at Counce, Tenn., 1955-59, during which time he was graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Mallory Heights, Memphis, 1959-1961, was his first full-time pastorate.

He married Elaine Barron, McComb native who was living in Memphis at the time of their marriage

in 1940. In January, 1942, he and his wife returned to Mississippi. In this state he has served Harrisburg, Tupelo, 1942-44; First, Houston, 1944-50; First, Rolling Fork, 1950-59; and



D. D. Satterwhite

Bay Springs, 1959-1960.

He has been active in denominational life, having served the Mississippi Baptist Convention as state Board member for 20 years. During his tenure on the Board he served as a member of the Assemblies Committee, Chairman of the Building and Pastoral Aid Committee, on the Audit, Budget and Allocation Committee, and on the Executive Committee. He served the State Convention as Vice-President, on a special Educational Committee, Committee on Order of Business, and on the Time, Place and Preacher Committee.

The Satterwhites have three daughters. Thelma Jane, married to W. Ray Burdeshaw, minister of music, Spring Hill Church, Mobile, Ala.; Brenda, who lives in Jackson and is an employee of Better Business Bureau; and DeLayne McCreary, a graduate student at the University of South Alabama, Mobile.

Following retirement the Satterwhite family will make their home in Bay Springs. He will be available for supply work, interim pastorate, and revivals.

## Staff Changes

First Church of Ridgeland held a reception Sunday, Dec. 16, to welcome the new pastor, Edward L. Griffin, and his family.

A native of Glaston, Griffin came to Ridgeland from Hammond, La., where he had served for 10 years as minister of Woodland Park Church.

Griffin, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, has been pastor of Baptist churches in St. Stephens, Ala., Brookhaven, Picayune, Bogalusa, La., and Hammond, La.

He was a member of the State Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Griffins, who have three children, will live in Madison on St. Augustine Street.

Sanford Beckett has accepted a call from First Church, Clemson, S. C., to become minister of Christian education. Beckett has been the associate minister at University Church in Hattiesburg for seven years. University Church will honor the Becketts with a reception on January 13.

Bartin Harper has moved from First, Morton to Tylertown Church as pastor.

Jack Cochran has resigned as director of music and youth at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian. He is assuming duties with Christian broadcasting stations in Columbus, Miss. The Poplar Springs Drive Church gave a reception honoring Jack and his wife Faye and their boys, on Sunday night, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. James Ruffin is the pastor.

William A. Sullivan became the pastor of Pace Church Jan. 1, after fifteen months in retirement. Late in 1978 he was declared totally disabled by his physicians, and on their advice retired from active ministry on Sept. 22, 1978.

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In Pike and Humphreys Counties he was elected to serve as Association Moderator. Under the Rural Church Development Program of the Home Mission Board, churches he pastored were four times recipients of the Best Church Award.

Sullivan served as director of missions in Marshall and Lafayette Association and in the same capacity for Mississippi Association. He also served in pioneer missions in Indiana.

Born in Louisville, Miss., he attended high school in Wesson. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary and did undergraduate study at Clarke College and Southeastern Louisiana University.

Sullivan is married to Ruby Errell Toney, and they have four children.

D'Iberville has called Jay Taylor as minister of music. Jay goes to Biloxi from Main St. in Bogalusa, La. and is a student at Pearl River Jr. College.

Mrs. Roy Caves (Ann) will become the director of the 4 and 5 year old education ministry of Broadmoor Church, Jackson. This ministry includes the Older Day Care, Nursery School, Kindergarten, Sunday School, Church Training and Missions for this age child. Mrs. Caves will replace Mrs.

John Stone who is retiring and Mrs. Doyle Jones who has a new position with the public schools.

A native of Philadelphia, Mrs. Caves did her undergraduate work at East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. She was awarded the Master of Science degree in elementary education in 1977 with emphasis in kindergarten through third grade level.

She has served as home demonstration agent for Covington County and Assistant home demonstration agent for Sunflower County. Her teaching experience includes Home Economics at Hardy Jr. High School in Jackson, teacher of four year olds at the Broadmoor Kindergarten and first grade teacher at Jackson Academy.

She is married to Roy D. Caves and they have one child, Bronwyn.

Danny M. Stringer has accepted the call of pastor at Edon Church in the Jasper Association. He left the Bethel Church in the Jones Association where he also served as pastor. He is a 1978 graduate of the New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Linda Tolbert.

Lawrence Runnels has assumed the duties of pastor of Yale Street Church, Cleveland. He goes from the Center Church, New Albany. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Frances Porter. They have two children, Larry and Missy.

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## Appointment Service To Be In Louisiana

Mississippi Baptists will have the opportunity to witness a missionary appointment service by the Foreign Mission Board in Alexandria, La., April 8, 1980.

The appointment service is being held in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. The meeting is held once each year away from the board's home office in Richmond, Va., and is the first time to be held in Louisiana.

Jim Spencer, pastor of Kingsville Church, Pineville, is in charge of transportation and parking arrangements for the service.

Spencer noted that the appointment service will be held at the Rapides Parish Coliseum and is certain to attract many visitors.

"Due to limited parking, we are encouraging churches and other groups to bring their buses," he said. "There will be 100 marked spaces available for buses to park near the gates."

## Board Member

### Dies At 77

Terry Campbell, Humphreys County member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died Sunday night, Jan. 6, of a heart attack. Mr. Campbell, a retired Belzoni grocer, was 77.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Belzoni, where Campbell was a deacon and had served in numerous positions, including those of Sunday School teacher and Sunday School director.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Ted, of Mobile, Ala.; and two granddaughters.

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"He that giveth unto the poor shall see his lack" (Prov. 22:27).

## Raymond Kolb Liked His Job As MC's First Missionary-In-Residence

By Janet Lee

For the past academic semester at Mississippi College, students have had the opportunity to sit in on two classes taught by Raymond Kolb, career missionary to Brazil. Kolb has been the first missionary-in-residence at Mississippi College, teaching during his furlough period as part of an experimental program worked out through the Foreign Mission Board and the school.

As he prepares to return to his position in Brasilia as a field representative for Baptist work in Brazil, Kolb reflected on his experiences in shifting from a semi-administrative role to that of campus professor.

"I have not taught on a regular basis since 1974 when I was doing some lecturing at a seminary in Brazil," said Kolb. "So this semester on the MC campus has helped refresh my teaching skills and given me a chance to observe American college students of today. And I don't find them too much different from the Brazilian students."

Kolb's ability to adapt easily from Brazilian to American culture and from missionary to professor is due, perhaps, to the performance of many different roles in his and his family's 35 years of service on the field.

As Kolb himself laughingly puts it, "I've come to the conclusion that the only specialty a missionary can have is diversity. I've piloted mission aircraft, pastored churches, taught in the seminary, served as treasurer of a loan board, and now in my present position, attempt to act as liaison between the 298 missionaries in Brazil and the Foreign Mission Board."

As missionary-in-residence at Mississippi College, he and his family have lived close to the campus, enjoying the fellowship of other faculty members in a Christian academic environment. Yet, he hastens to add, "We've never felt isolated in Brazil because the people there have accepted us so readily, but we appreciate the chance to be at a Baptist school and explore possibilities for service here."

Kolb is impressed with the general attitude of MC students, whether the typical undergraduate or the ministerial major. "Just as in Brazil, there's a wide range of Biblical knowledge and understanding among the various students. Thanks to the efforts of missionaries, we have second and third generation Brazilian Christians who are well-versed in the evangelical beliefs."

He has seen results of the Baptist influence in Brazil, where work was

begun in 1881 and the first church established in 1882. Brazilian Baptists now send out their own missionaries to 11 other countries and employ 300 home missionaries.

Does he sense a lack of concern among Christian students here in regard to missions? "No, I really don't think so. I've had the privilege of talking to students individually about missions this semester, and they've shown a great deal of interest. The majority of students just don't think about missions involvement until later in their lives."

The Kolbs will return to the field Jan. 30, leaving their three grown children and one college-age daughter in the States. He doesn't know when they will return on their next furlough or what he will be doing, but he is enthusiastic about the missionary-in-residence program.

"I've been able to teach my classes, talk on a one-to-one basis with students, and still have time to visit churches and share with them our mission involvement. The quality of student at Mississippi College is good and matched by an excellent faculty and administration. Christian concern shows when the college personnel are interested in the welfare of the student, not just in doing a job."

## Christmas At The Children's Village

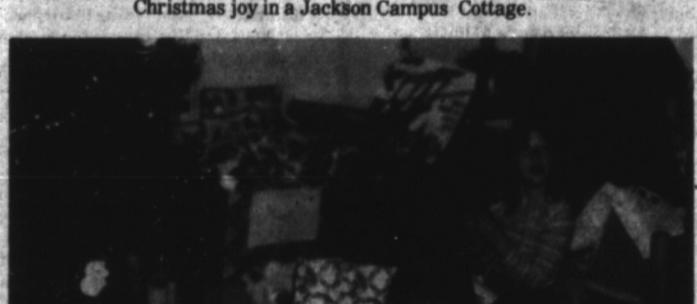
Christmas with the Village's children is always a special time of happiness and a meaningful season of love. Music, campus services of worship which are carefully and particularly structured so as to communicate the real message of Christmas on a level which can be caught and understood by our special children, the general community atmosphere of concern and good-will, and the generous outpouring of friendship and material gifts from our Village friends and supporters, all combine to make the season both happy and holy for our boys and girls. We are pleased and grateful to report that Christmas of 1979 represented all of this and more to all of us who make our homes and our lives with the boys and girls of The Baptist Children's Village.

As in previous years, the season of observation culminated for children and staff from all of our locations — in Jackson, in Tate County, and in New Albany — with "Vacation" visits into the private homes of natural families and friends. We appreciate the outstanding response we receive each year from good Mississippi families who open their hearts and homes to our children for Christmas visits, enabling them to enjoy a brief period of one of life's major blessings — a Christmas visit with a real family in a real, private home. Preceding these visits, our boys and girls at all three locations were the recipients of the thoughtful giving of so many individuals and groups, many representing Mississippi Baptist churches and church auxiliaries, bringing gifts and entertaining with Christmas parties and outings.

On the Jackson campus and on the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, each Village boy and girl received one major gift from First Baptist Church of Jackson under the "First Church" tree, a tradition which is older than any living person can remember, financed by the generosity of the members of that great church. Our children in New Albany were similarly remembered by the unselfishness of our friends in First Baptist Church of New Albany, our host church in that location. In addition, every Village child received a number of presents under his Cottage tree, again because of the generosity of our Village friends. Some of these friends purchased the gifts and mailed or delivered them directly to the Village children. Others furnished the money to our HOLIDAY FUND, part of the proceeds of which



Christmas joy in a Jackson Campus Cottage.



Village children enjoy "First Church Tree".



A Primary Choir performs at 1979 "Christmas Sparkles".

was used by The Village staff in shopping for our children.

On the Jackson campus, the 15th annual production of "Christmas Sparkles at The Village" was presented on two different nights, with capacity crowds, numbering in the thousands, in attendance. Combined choirs of Village children of all ages, from our own Department of Music performed both sacred and secular music of the season to the delight of those in attendance. In Powell Chapel, on the Jackson campus, Village boys and girls, under the direction of Mrs. Annette Hitt, our Christian Education Director, presented a movingly beautiful Christmas pageant, designed for children to communicate to children the spiritual message of Christmas and to set the busy and happy days of the season in a proper, Christian perspective.

Immediately before leaving for off-campus holiday visits, children at all locations enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas dinner in their Cottages, serving as hosts and hostesses for numbers of invited guests, including, among others, the President of our Board of Trustees, Rev. M. G. Reedy and Mrs. Reedy, and the Executive-Secretary-Treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Earl Kelly, and Mrs. Kelly all of whom visited and dined with Village residents on the Farrow Manor Campus.

We believe that so many of our readers who did so much to make Christmas such a happy and meaningful time for the neglected and dependent Mississippi children who are our responsibility want and need to have this report on the Village's Christmas of 1979.

## Help!

The Baptist Children's Village earnestly appeals to all friends of its children to assist us in securing new houseparent personnel. We are seriously under-staffed at all locations. While our most urgent need for help is on the large Jackson campus, we also need to employ houseparents for the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County and for the new Village Home in Lincoln County, near Brookhaven.

We need a minimum of seven single ladies and two or three husband/wife houseparent teams. Applicants must be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. They must be Christians with strong church affiliation, and they must be able to furnish written character references, including that of a local, Baptist pastor and a certificate of good health from a local physician. Adults, without dependent children, between the ages of 30 and 55 years are preferred. We are unable to offer employment to individuals who are more than 60 years of age.

Housing, food, utilities, laundry privileges, and insurance protection are furnished, along with an adequate, cash salary. Most importantly, an opportunity to serve God and children with special needs in a good environment without previous training is available to those who are employed.

The Village risks serious curtailment of its custodial ministry to numbers of boys and girls who continue to need our assistance, unless we can secure additional houseparent personnel. Won't you help us? Interested persons may write Paul N. Nunnery or Henry M. Glaze at Box 11308, Jackson, 38213 or T. Deane Rodgers at Box 168, Independence, 38638.



Officers, Village Board of Trustees (L to R): James T. Hollingsworth, Vice-President; Rev. Guy Reedy, President; Robert W. King, Secretary.

# Asset Freeze Hurts Iranians, Baptist Center Attitude Helps

By Norman Jameson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Iranian students in the United States are being severely affected by the economic freeze President Carter put on Iranian assets in retaliation for the seizure of Americans at the embassy in Tehran.

About 50 students and wives shared a traditional holiday meal at the Vanderbilt University Baptist Student Center and some indicated they had only enough money to remain in the United States a few weeks.

Government checks for students at Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education stopped coming four months earlier when the shah lost control of the government. While they may be students in America, those at Vanderbilt are professors and government workers in Iran and have been sent to the U.S. to gain expertise in specific areas. That's why the government pays their expenses.

No bank will cash even personal checks from Iran and since visas do not permit the student to work in

America, there is no way to get money, and savings are being rapidly depleted.

Said one: "I am selling my car to take care of this month's expenses. I don't know what I'll do after that."

The dinner, served by Baptist volunteers and hosted by Barry Vincent, Baptist Student Center director and coordinator of ministries to internationals for the Nashville Baptist Association, was part of regular weekly services to Iranians.

The Baptist Student Center has classes for English, crafts, and cooking, specifically for the wives of the Iranian students, who otherwise may be lonely and frustrated in a strange culture.

Immediately after students in Iran seized the American embassy and took 50 hostages, Iranians in the U.S. expected retaliation against them. They stopped jogging, quit going to classes, had extra locks put on their doors, and stayed sheltered in their apartments. Everyone called their English teacher

individually and asked if she still wanted them to come to class.

When she told them to come, Vincent said she demonstrated the kind of consistent attitude that communicates something about my faith and my relationship with God and the world that I feel is worth communicating."

The Iranians displayed an intense dislike of Kissinger, former President Nixon's secretary of state. They feel American foreign policy still follows the direction set by Kissinger, who Moshiri thinks actually enjoyed seeing the torture of Iranians.

The students and their wives all indicated they would return to Iran when finished with school. They considered the Ayatollah Khomeini their spiritual leader and say even his tactics are an improvement over the shah.

They were grateful for the hospitality shown by the Baptist Student Center and said they have not been the subject of harassment by Americans when they are on the street.

# No Mission Property Damaged In Earthquake In Colombia

CALI, Colombia (BP) — Thousands dig through the rubble while the estimated 400 death toll rises in the aftermath of the powerful Dec. 12 earthquake which rocked the Colombia-Ecuador border area — the worst to hit the area in 70 years.

Southern Baptist missionaries are reported safe and have begun administering food and assistance to needy victims with a \$7,500 emergency allocation from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's hunger relief fund. No mission property was damaged.

After a meeting with Colombian officials, missionaries requested medical supplies, blankets and water purification systems for hard-hit Tumaco, where 3,000 are homeless and at least 40 deaths were reported, said John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for relief ministries at the Foreign Mission Board. The board responded by sending a shipment of medical supplies, 1,000 blankets and six water purification systems.

A number of villages from Buenaventura along the Colombian

Pacific coastline south to Northern Ecuador have been "hit extremely hard and some destroyed," said H. Robert Tucker Jr., missionary field representative for Western South America. He told of at least one small village of which no traces are left.

Tucker, stationed in Cali, has been in contact with the Foreign Mission Board via ham radio because the quake disrupted telephone communication. He said the missionaries were well received by government officials and given an open door to aid victims.

Reports said the initial earthquake,

which registered up to 8.1 on the Richter Scale, lasted close to five minutes and was followed by repeated tremors and severe tidal waves. The quake was five times worse than the Nov. 23 quake in Colombia, according to reports.

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## I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Why was the rainbow placed in the sky?  
And why Christ's symbol a star?  
Why must the earth-bound lift his eye  
To loftier goals afar?

It is plain as plain can be —  
It simply sums up to this:  
They're placed up high so all can see  
From the depths of the lowest abyss.

Though hedge of thorn encloses our cup  
There's no ceiling or roof so high:  
The wise men and shepherds and Noah looked up:  
The promise was found in the sky.

— Valerie Read Howell

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## Sounds Of Joy

### Will Sing At First, Florence

The SOUNDS OF JOY, a Christian singing group from Pensacola, Fla., will present a concert of contemporary Christian music on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at First Church, Florence.

The SOUNDS OF JOY is a musical outreach of SuArt Ministries, Inc., a non-profit Christian organization that was started by Art Crane, designed to encourage young people to use their talents for God.

The music that they sing is not rock, but is a smooth and easy style which places emphasis on the words of the songs and hymns that are selected on the basis of how they glorify Jesus.

The SOUNDS OF JOY travels extensively throughout the south and eastern United States.

## Glorieta Is Taking Staff Applications

GLORIETA, N. M. — Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is accepting applications for employment on the 1980 summer staff, according to Allen Maxey, personnel services coordinator.

Applicants must be between 17 and 75 years of age and be able to work from May 25 through Aug. 23. Several individuals will be needed to begin prior to May 25 and work through the Labor Day weekend.

Some of the positions available are in food services, day camp, housekeeping, registration and auditorium and conference room operations.

The conference center offers an extensive program of activities for the staff, including various musical opportunities, Bible study, mission teams and recreation.

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Most of the 48 graduates of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, are Baptist pastors and church workers; a few work in other denominations. Fourteen graduates now serve in Jordan, 11 each in Lebanon and the United States, and three in Egypt. Two each serve in Morocco and England, and one each in Syria, Gaza, Jordan, West Germany and Sweden. Two of those in Lebanon teach at the seminary.

## Devotional

### Fishing For Men

By Hollis Bryant, Consultant Cooperative Missions Department Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Luke 5:10b

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus talks to Simon about fishing for fish and for men. Through the years, I have observed friends from Mississippi and Alaska who have been successful fishermen. One man in Juneau caught two fish — halibut — that weighed over 500 pounds. A pastor in Anchorage gave me a 25-pound salmon in 1975. Both of these men went out into deep water to catch large fish.

These men, along with friends who have had success in catching men, have at least three similar characteristics that are imperative for catching men.

A person must want to fish. My friends who have caught big fish have had a desire to go fishing. In order to catch men, we must care for them enough to try to catch them.

A successful fisherman must have a plan. My friends who have consistently caught big fish have gone fishing. They have planned and prepared for catching fish. They go often and would like to fish more.

Every Christian should have a plan to catch men. There are many plans and programs suggested and used, however, every Christian must have a plan that he is comfortable with and works for him.

Each successful fisherman keeps fishing. It is imperative for us to be persistent if we hope to catch men.

Jesus thought that catching men was important enough for Him to give His life for this purpose. In Luke 5:11, we find that the four apostles believed that following Jesus and fishing for men deserved their leaving all for this ministry. It is not possible for us to know how many people have been caught and blessed because of their willingness to follow Christ and fish for men.

Now is a good time for us to leave all, fear not, and fish for people. Jesus will help us catch them just as He helped His apostles.

# Morgan Pushes For ERISA Amendments

WASHINGTON (BP) — Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, pressed Congress to make changes in a pension reform bill passed five years ago.

In testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Private Pension Plans and Employee Fringe Benefits, Morgan urged enactment of corrective legislation to exempt denominational agencies and institutions from coverage of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The legislation to amend ERISA involves three Senate bills, S.1090, S.1091 and S.1092.

Morgan argued before the Senate panel that Congress specifically exempted local church retirement plans from coverage but that "at the last moment, a moratorium was placed on the inclusion of agency employees in church plans."

"By 1983," Morgan continued, "a church plan may not include employees of church agencies, if the

church plan is to maintain its exemption."

According to Dean R. Wright, executive director of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches in the USA, one of the law's effects is "that a minister who moves from the pastorate to a position in a denominational agency, such as a hospital or retirement home, would be prohibited from participating in a church pension program."

NASSAU, Bahamas — Construction has begun on a media center building for the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship. The center, made possible through gifts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, is expected to be completed in March 1980. It will provide facilities for radio production and future multi-track music recording. Most of the television production will continue to be filmed in the area and produced in Fort Worth, Texas, by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

# Uniform Lesson

## Jesus And His Family

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John 2:1-12; 7:1-13; 19:25-27  
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In a hospital last year a Christian doctor sat by the bed of a patient who had a dreaded disease. He said, "This requires more faith."

The book of John is profound. (It was a help to me to read it through at one sitting.) It requires more faith, for it shows the power of God manifested in Jesus Christ to deal with interrelationships, with dreaded diseases, chief of which is sin, with human suffering, and with death itself. First, we look at Him with His family.

I. Crisis At A Wedding (2:1-5)

Arthur Pink, another of Scotland's

contributions to the ministry (he died in 1952), believed that "the third day" was but a preview of Jesus' resurrection on the third day, giving joy to all who partake of His provision for eternal life. Pink also points out that the first miracle ("sign") was to turn water, essential to life, into wine, symbol of shed blood to give life. Remember the memorial support. Jesus said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

The mother of Jesus was there. It is my conviction that she was a co-hostess. At least she had been asked to assist. Jesus and His disciples were there, having accepted the invitation. His presence indicates approval of marriage, ordained of God, and that He was a social person who shared joys with others.

Now the crisis: the wine gave out! The mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Just what she expected is not known. His memorable reply is known by almost every Christian: "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come."

G. Campbell Morgan offers a superb interpretation. "Woman" is term of respect, spoken tenderly, in love.

"What have I to do with thee?" He was not rebuking her, rather teaching her that He was moving out into public service, no longer tied to His family. "Mine hour is not yet come." Not now is He subject to man. At the end of His life on earth, man was allowed to take charge, temporarily.

Jesus performed the "sign," the miracle. He compressed into a very few minutes the process of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and making into wine the grapes. What power!

Throughout His ministry He speaks of "His hour." At the joyous wedding feast Jesus declared to His mother that His hour had not yet come. In the shadow of the cross He said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son that thy Son also may glorify thee" (John 17:1).

Many grieving families have been comforted by His prayers for believers as found in John 17:20-24.

Jesus' mission on the earth was that of seeking and saving that which was lost by sin. He demonstrated his concern over sin in every aspect of his ministry. In verse 2, he preached the word of God. It is by this means that people learn what sin is and God's remedy for it.

In verse 5, he demonstrated his desire to forgive sin. The paralytic's need was evident, but he had a deeper need, the need of forgiveness. But Jesus' attitude is to redeem and release the total person. So, he also healed the paralytic of his physical disease. Here Jesus is appealing to the Jews. They believed a sick person had incurred God's anger. Therefore, the first need was to forgive sin. But he healed the paralytic to prove to the unbelieving Jews His power to forgive sins (vv. 9-12).

Jesus in verse 14, revealed another part of his attitude toward sin. He wanted to forgive it in order that men might be restored to life with God. In his call to Levi, it was a simple "follow me." Implied here is the fact that Matthew (Levi) had not been following God. Jesus despised sin, but he loved the sinner.

Sometimes present day attitudes overlap. That is, attitudes develop which hate both the sin and the sinner. Care needs to be used at this point. Jesus paid the sin debt to destroy sin, but he paid the sin debt to save the sinner.

III. The Attitude of Jesus Toward Sinners (vv. 14, 6, 14, 16)

First, the paralytic knew that he was dying physically. He probably also knew that he was dead spiritually. At the man's first encounter with Jesus, his faith was evident. Therefore, he must have been a penitent and humble person. His desire to be brought to Jesus also expressed his faith.

Jesus was able to forgive the paralytic because he knew that he was a sinner and wanted to be forgiven. When a soul is truly ready to be forgiven, nothing will come between that soul and God's forgiving grace.

The second attitude was displayed by the Scribes and Pharisees. They trusted in themselves to be free from sin. Their faith was in the law, and in themselves to keep it. Therefore, they saw no need for forgiveness. Self-righteousness was the way to be free from sin. This is one reason why they refused the divine prerogative and authority of Jesus to forgive sins.

The third attitude which we need to examine is that of Levi. He was a Roman tax collector and a social outcast. The people generally despised and rejected him. This may have caused Levi (Matthew) to know his spiritual poverty. When Jesus called him to follow him, the response was immediate. From this, one can conclude Levi knew that he was a sinner and needed Jesus' forgiveness. Two of these three saw sin as it was in their life. One attitude refused to see and the result was this confirmed in their sin.

II. The Attitude of Jesus Toward Sinners (vv. 2, 5, 9-12, 14, 15)

Attitudes of the Scribes and Jews presented a real contrast. The Scribes' attitude was stern, severe, and austere justice. It was an attitude of continual demand. Jesus' attitude toward sinners was that of compassion, understanding, and a heart yearning and eager to forgive. He was willing to forgive sin and, more important, he had the authority and power to do so. Jesus' forgiving attitude should offer reassurance to all — forgiven sinners.

Jesus' attitude toward the paralytic and Levi identifies his deep concern for their forgiveness and well being. He is pictured as mixing socially with tax collectors and sinners, something the Scribes and Pharisees held in contempt. These orthodox persons would not have mixed with those persons

Jesus did. Neither would the sinners have sought out these religious orthodox persons. Barriers existed between them.

Jesus defended his strategy of mixing with sinners. He had come to minister to those who were sick. The calling of sinners is a part of the gospel. Regrettably, the Scribes failed to see their need of the physician. The physician (Jesus) is the one who effects healing. "Repentance" is the avenue by which healing comes to the soul. The physician is not infected by the disease of the patient, but he is there to help overcome it (Pulpit Commentary, p. 86).

What about our attitude toward sin and sinners? Are we more like the Scribes and Pharisees? Or, are we like Jesus? Missionary C. T. Studd noted these words:

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell."

I want to run a rescue shop

Within a yard of hell."

# Off The Record

A woodpecker decided he was going stale; a vacation was what he needed. Several days of flying brought him into the heart of a forest, sitting in the top branches of a stately pine tree. "I'm hungry," he thought, "and there ought to be some bugs under the bark of this tree." He took a mighty peck at the trunk; at the same time a bolt of lightning struck and split the tree from top to bottom. Brother woodpecker picked himself up, preened his ruffled feathers, and croaked proudly, "A fella just doesn't realize what he can do until he gets away from home."

The small girl watched fascinated as her mother smoothed cold cream over her face and patted her wrinkles. "Why do you do that?" she finally asked.

"To make me beautiful," said her mother. Then she started to remove the cream with a facial tissue.

"What's the matter?" asked the girl. "Giving up?"